

In the above amendment, claims 22-27 are added.

ELECTION

Applicants elect Group II, with traverse.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 6, 2005.

On page 2, of the June 6, 2005 Restriction and Requirement for Election, the claims were grouped as follows:

Group I (claims 10-15) drawn to a method for the composition of a digital rights key.

Group II (claims 16-21) drawn to a method for encoding a digital rights key.

Group III (claims 1-9) drawn to a method for decoding a digital rights key.

The claims of Groups I, II and III do not have separate utility. The key produced by the encoder is required by the decoder and the key used by the decoder can only be produced by the encoder. The decoder only works with the encoder and the encoder only works with the decoder. Furthermore new claims 22-27 clearly link the Groups together (See MPEP 809.03). For these reasons, and because the same search will need to be undertaken for examination, reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and Examination on the merits of all the claims 1-27 is respectfully requested.

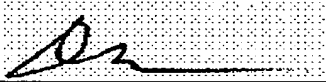
The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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